

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims found below.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 43, characterized in thatwherein the pump holder (10) has a sheet metal strip (13, 14, 18, 19) in its central region.
3. (Currently amended) A fuel feed unit for arrangement in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, comprising a fuel pump and a pump holder which is to be fastened in the fuel tank and secures the fuel pump, the pump holder is manufactured, at least in a central region, from metal to acoustically isolate the fuel pump adjacent components, The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 1, characterized in thatwherein the sheet-metal strip has corrugations (17).
4. (Currently amended) A fuel feed unit for arrangement in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, comprising a fuel pump and a pump holder which is to be fastened in the fuel tank and secures the fuel pump, the pump holder is manufactured, at least in a central region, from metal to acoustically isolate the fuel pump adjacent components, characterized in thatwherein the region which is manufactured from metal has constrictions (20) and/or enlargements (21).
5. (Currently amended) A fuel feed unit for arrangement in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, comprising a fuel pump and a pump holder which is to be fastened in the fuel tank and secures the fuel pump, the pump holder is manufactured, at least in a central region, from metal to acoustically isolate the fuel pump adjacent components, The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 1, characterized in thatwherein the region which is manufactured from metal has different wall thicknesses.
6. (Currently amended) A fuel feed unit for arrangement in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, comprising a fuel pump and a pump holder which is to be fastened in the fuel tank and secures the

fuel pump, the pump holder is manufactured, at least in a central region, from metal to acoustically isolate the fuel pump adjacent components, The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 1, characterized in thatwherein a resonant frequency of that region of the pump holder (10) which is manufactured from metal lies outside the natural frequency of the fuel pump (5).

7. (Currently amended) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 13, characterized in thatwherein the pump holder (10) has at least one retaining ring (11, 12, 22) for fastening it to an adjacent component, and has sheet-metal strips (13, 14, 19) protruding in a starshaped manner from the retaining ring (11, 12, 22).

8. (Currently amended) A fuel feed unit for arrangement in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, comprising a fuel pump and a pump holder which is to be fastened in the fuel tank and secures the fuel pump, the pump holder is manufactured, at least in a central region, from metal to acoustically isolate the fuel pump adjacent components, The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 1, characterized in thatwherein the retaining ring (22) and the sheet-metal strip manufactured as a single piece.

9. (Currently amended) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 13, characterized in thatwherein the retaining ring (11, 12) is manufactured from plastic and the sheet-metal strip (13, 14) are pressed into corresponding grooves (15, 16) of the retaining ring (11, 12).

10. (Currently amended) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 13, characterized in that that wherein the region of the pump holder (10) which is manufactured from metal is arranged essentially parallel to the longitudinal axis of a drive shaft (7) of the fuel pump (5).